

of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 407, nays 0, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 80]

YEAS—407

Abraham	Conyers	Hanabusa
Adams	Cook	Harper
Aderholt	Cooper	Harris
Aguiar	Correa	Hartzler
Allen	Costa	Hastings
Amash	Costello (PA)	Heck
Amodel	Courtney	Hensarling
Arrington	Cramer	Herrera Beutler
Babin	Crawford	Hice, Jody B.
Bacon	Crist	Higgins (LA)
Banks (IN)	Crowley	Higgins (NY)
Barletta	Cuellar	Hill
Barr	Culberson	Himes
Barragán	Curbelo (FL)	Holding
Barton	Davidson	Hollingsworth
Bass	Davis (CA)	Hoyer
Beatty	Davis, Danny	Hudson
Bera	Davis, Rodney	Huffman
Bergman	DeFazio	Huizenga
Beyer	DeGette	Hultgren
Biggs	Delaney	Hurd
Bilirakis	DeLauro	Issa
Bishop (GA)	Demings	Jackson Lee
Bishop (MI)	Denham	Jayapal
Bishop (UT)	Dent	Jenkins (KS)
Black	DeSantis	Jenkins (WV)
Blackburn	DeSaulnier	Johnson (LA)
Blum	DesJarlais	Johnson (OH)
Blumenauer	Diaz-Balart	Johnson, E. B.
Blunt Rochester	Dingell	Johnson, Sam
Bonomici	Doggett	Jones
Bost	Donovan	Jordan
Boyle, Brendan	Doyle, Michael	Joyce (OH)
F.	F.	Kaptur
Brady (PA)	Duffy	Katko
Brady (TX)	Duncan (TN)	Keating
Brat	Dunn	Kelly (IL)
Bridenstine	Emmer	Kelly (MS)
Brooks (AL)	Engel	Kelly (PA)
Brooks (IN)	Eshoo	Kennedy
Brown (MD)	Españolat	Khanna
Brownley (CA)	Esty	Kihuen
Buchanan	Evans	Kildee
Buck	Farenthold	Kind
Bucshon	Faso	King (IA)
Budd	Ferguson	King (NY)
Burgess	Fitzpatrick	Kinzinger
Bustos	Fleischmann	Knight
Butterfield	Flores	Krishnamoorthi
Byrne	Fortenberry	Kuster (NH)
Calvert	Foster	Kustoff (TN)
Capuano	Fox	Labrador
Carbajal	Frankel (FL)	LaHood
Carson (IN)	Franks (AZ)	LaMalfa
Carter (GA)	Frelinghuysen	Lamborn
Carter (TX)	Fudge	Lance
Cartwright	Gabbard	Langevin
Castor (FL)	Gaetz	Larsen (WA)
Castro (TX)	Gallagher	Larson (CT)
Chabot	Gallego	Latta
Chaffetz	Garamendi	Lawrence
Cheney	Garrett	Lawson (FL)
Chu, Judy	Gibbs	Lee
Cicilline	Gohmert	Levin
Clark (MA)	Gonzalez (TX)	Lewis (GA)
Clarke (NY)	Goodlatte	Lewis (MN)
Clay	Gosar	Lieu, Ted
Cleaver	Gottheimer	Lipinski
Clyburn	Gowdy	LoBiondo
Coffman	Granger	Loeb
Cohen	Graves (GA)	Lofgren
Cole	Graves (LA)	Long
Collins (GA)	Graves (MO)	Loudermilk
Collins (NY)	Green, Al	Love
Comer	Green, Gene	Lowenthal
Comstock	Griffith	Lowe
Conaway	Grothman	Lucas
Connolly	Guthrie	Luetkemeyer

Lujan Grisham, M.	Pingree	Smith (NJ)
Luján, Ben Ray	Pittenger	Smith (TX)
MacArthur	Pocan	Smucker
Maloney,	Poliquin	Soto
Carolyn B.	Polis	Speier
Maloney, Sean	Posey	Stefanik
Marchant	Price (NC)	Stewart
Marino	Quigley	Stivers
Marshall	Raskin	Suozi
Massie	Ratcliffe	Swalwell (CA)
Mast	Reed	Takano
Matsui	Reichert	Taylor
McCarthy	Renacci	Tenney
McCaul	Rice (NY)	Thompson (CA)
McClintock	Rice (SC)	Thompson (MS)
McCollum	Roby	Thompson (PA)
McEachin	Roe (TN)	Thornberry
McGovern	Rogers (AL)	Tiberi
McHenry	Rogers (KY)	Tipton
McKinley	Rokita	Titus
McMorris	Rooney, Francis	Tonko
Rodgers	Rooney, Thomas	Torres
McNerney	J.	Trott
McSally	Ros-Lehtinen	Tsongas
Meadows	Rosen	Turner
Meehan	Roskam	Upton
Meng	Ross	Valadao
Mitchell	Rothfus	Vargas
Moolenaar	Rouzer	Veasey
Moores (WV)	Roybal-Allard	Vela
Moore	Royce (CA)	Velázquez
Moulton	Ruiz	Visclosky
Mullin	Ruppersberger	Wagner
Murphy (FL)	Russell	Walberg
Murphy (PA)	Rutherford	Walden
Nadler	Ryan (OH)	Walker
Napolitano	Sánchez	Walorski
Neal	Sanford	Walters, Mimi
Newhouse	Sarbanes	Walz
Noem	Scalise	Wasserman
Nolan	Schakowsky	Schultz
Norcross	Schiff	Waters, Maxine
Nunes	Schneider	Watson Coleman
O'Halleran	Schrader	Weber (TX)
O'Rourke	Schweikert	Webster (FL)
Olson	Scott (VA)	Welch
Palazzo	Scott, Austin	Wenstrup
Pallone	Scott, David	Westerman
Palmer	Sensenbrenner	Williams
Panetta	Serrano	Wilson (FL)
Pascrell	Sewell (AL)	Wilson (SC)
Paulsen	Shea-Porter	Wittman
Payne	Sherman	Womack
Pearce	Shimkus	Woodall
Pelosi	Shuster	Yarmuth
Perlmutter	Simpson	Yoder
Perry	Sinema	Yoho
Peters	Slaughter	Young (AK)
Peterson	Smith (MO)	Young (IA)
	Smith (NE)	Zeldin

NOT VOTING—25

Cárdenas	Jeffries	Richmond
Cummings	Johnson (GA)	Rohrabacher
DeBene	Kilmer	Rush
Deutch	Lynch	Sessions
Duncan (SC)	Meeks	Sires
Ellison	Messer	Smith (WA)
Grijalva	Mulvaney	Zinke
Gutiérrez	Poe (TX)	
Hunter	Price, Tom (GA)	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1858

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMITTING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR A CEREMONY AS PART OF THE COMMEMORATION OF THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 18, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Mississippi?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 18

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF ROTUNDA FOR HOLOCAUST DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY.

The rotunda of the Capitol is authorized to be used on April 25, 2017, for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. Physical preparations for the ceremony shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as the Architect of the Capitol may prescribe.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUDD) laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Armed Services:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 6, 2017.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER RYAN: I, Joaquin Castro, am submitting my resignation from the House Armed Services Committee effective immediately. It has been a privilege and honor to have served on this committee. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
JOAQUIN CASTRO,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

ISRAEL BONDS' "A NIGHT ON THE BEACH"

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday night is Israel Bonds' "Una Noche en la Playa"—"A Night on the Beach"—in Miami Beach.

Over the years, I have had the honor of participating in many of Israel Bonds' programs. The work that Israel Bonds does is vital in expanding and growing Israel's economy and has helped Israel become a global leader and innovator in so many sectors.

With all of the threats now facing the Jewish state, the work of Israel Bonds is more important now than ever. The

guest speaker will be none other than the Israeli Ambassador to the United States, my good friend and Miami Beach native, Ron Dermer.

The Israel Bonds event will also serve as a commemorative tribute to Isaac and Nieves Olemberg. Isaac and Nieves were dear friends who did so much for the south Florida community, for the American Jewish community, for the Cuban American community, and for Israel, herself. Their memories will forever live on through their kindness and compassion.

CONGRATULATING THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, "Never stop believing." Those words are going to be on the front page of The Providence Journal tomorrow morning.

Like all true tests of faith, last night's Super Bowl wasn't easy going, and there were times, I have to say, when I was tempted to throw up my hands and just go to bed, but I followed the words of our quarterback and—oh, boy—was I rewarded.

What a game.

If there were any doubts, Mr. Speaker, about who the greatest quarterback of all time is, Tom Brady answered them last night; if there were any who questioned whether Bill Belichick was the best coach on the planet, this morning, they are silent; and I am sure they would all admonish me if I didn't say that football is a team sport. So, for those who had not yet been satisfied that the amazing string of successes my New England Patriots put together makes them the NFL's finest team, Super Bowl LI speaks for itself.

Mr. Speaker, it was truly a team effort, and I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Bob Kraft and to the entire Patriots franchise.

Congratulations, Patriots and Patriots Nation.

HONORING JIM BOEHEIM'S COACHING CAREER

(Mr. KATKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Syracuse University basketball coach Jim Boeheim upon the occasion of his 1,000th win this past Saturday over the mighty Virginia Cavaliers.

Coach Boeheim has dedicated over 40 years of his life to Syracuse University, and he and his wife, Juli, are known locally for their outstanding generosity and philanthropy.

While central New York happily celebrated Coach Boeheim's 1,000th win this past weekend, the occasion was not recognized by the NCAA due to arbitrarily harsh sanctions that followed an 8-year investigation that eliminated

scholarship opportunities for students and that vacated Coach Boeheim of 108 wins.

While we cannot stand for impropriety in collegiate athletics, we must have transparency, consistency, and fairness from the NCAA—an organization that is charged with promoting higher education opportunities and protecting the welfare of students. That is why I have and will continue to champion bipartisan legislation in the House to reform the NCAA and bring accountability and due process to this organization. There is no denying that Jim Boeheim was the coach for 1,000 basketball wins at Syracuse University, and the NCAA should recognize that fact.

Our community celebrates and congratulates Coach Boeheim for this tremendous achievement, and it is my high honor to recognize him here today.

Congratulations, Coach—and Go Orange.

AMERICA IS A DEFENDER, NOT AN OFFENDER

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I know this Nation's values. Many of us study it in the Constitution, and as a senior member of the Judiciary Committee, we review that document on many occasions. We are a nation that stands for principles of democracy; so I am very disturbed by an interview that was given by the White House this weekend that defended Putin—a man who invades to dominate, to kill, a man who supports a despot in Syria who has killed and gassed his own people—and compared his acts to any that the men and women in the United States military or in the United States may have done. It is not comparable to or even equal or even anywhere near the kind of despotism of Russia under Putin.

I am offended, and I apologize to the American people for any comparison. I believe it to be appropriate for the White House to clarify and to apologize for suggesting that our values and the efforts we take to protect people who may encounter efforts of war in any way can be compared to Putin, who is, in fact, someone who kills—and kills to dominate, not to help.

America is a defender, not an offender. I stand here proudly, supporting the values of the United States of America, a country that believes in the blessings of God and democracy.

SHORE UP FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, over the weekend, I had a chance to go out

in the district and look at the conditions of our flood control system in northern California, which, I am sure, is reflective of a lot of the systems across this country. One particular area I was shown has had 10 feet of levee eaten away just since the end of December. This points out, with recent legislation that has been passed—good legislation—that we still aren't, by any means, close to fulfilling our infrastructure needs.

Our flood control systems all over the country and in my own district in northern California need immediate results. We expect a great amount of rain. I know we complain about drought in California—flood or famine—but we need to continue to shore up these systems here because, otherwise, it will place communities in danger from the high flows we could get.

With so much rain forecasted in the near future and with our lakes getting full, there won't be a place to put that water. We need this infrastructure, and we need the Army Corps and everybody to be on board with fully developing and permitting these projects and getting the money going. Urgency is needed.

A BEACON OF DEMOCRACY

(Mr. MCEACHIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCEACHIN. Mr. Speaker, in our country, political enemies do not disappear in the dark of night or become, mysteriously, fatally ill. In our country, the press is separate from the government, and journalists do not find themselves jailed or out of business for writing articles with which the government disagrees. While the journalists are not made to write accolades about leadership or about whether they agree or not, I stand here in light of the President's words that were aired over the weekend that suggested that our country is comparable to Russia.

In our country, laws and the Constitution are supreme, not just one person. The courts rule on our Constitution, not one leader. In our country, lawyers, advocates, and citizens are free to challenge the government and its leadership without fear of reprisals.

Mr. Speaker, our country has been a beacon of democracy and freedom and hope for people all around the globe. I would suggest to the White House that it stop squandering that reputation with idle comments and dangerous actions.

HONORING COLONEL BYRON DEEL

(Mr. DESJARLAIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Colonel Byron Deel, Chief of the Joint Staff, Tennessee National Guard, who will be retiring this week after 32 years of dedicated service.